

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Dennis Drake at 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2011, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

The Spectrum was not represented at the meeting.

Commissioner Eardley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Drake recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 1847 who were in attendance to fulfill a requirement of the merit badge they are working toward.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for September 7, 2011, through September 20, 2011
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatements (9):
William and Ruth Bandle, S/N SG-5-3-9-1325; Carmen Bowler, S/N SG-1591;
Jan Burns, S/N R-1224-A; Heidi Draney, S/N H-COR-2-61; William Hanouin,
S/N SG-PP-B-25; Marsha Navar, S/N SG-SCF-7-706; Nadine Owens, S/N SG-
ROYL-1-46; Mark Savee, S/N V-32-A-1-B; Cynthia Wright, S/N L-SRE-24

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Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review progress in establishing a private recreation area and facilities on 30.06 acres within the FR-5 (Forest Residential 5 acres) zone, generally located south of Pine Valley Townsite. Lester Wittwer Investment Co./Shane Wittwer, applicant.

Conditional use Permit Extension: Review extension for endurance mountain

bike racing, "Frog Hollow Event," on Sheep Bridge Road, generally located between Virgin and Hwy 59 east of Hurricane, October 1, 2011 (6-hour event) and November 5 and 6, 2011 (24-hour event), a portion within the County unincorporated area. GRO-Promotions, LLC / Cimarron Chacon, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension on a sales office for the Kolob Ranch Development on the west side of the freeway at the Kolob Exit off Interstate 15, Kolob Development, Inc. / Robert Anderson, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension to locate an office trailer, gas storage, and porta potties near an approved staging area for pipe storage yard for UNEV Pipeline on 2 acres of the Bowler arena property in Veyo. Sterling Construction Management, LLC / Monte Kester, Business Development Agent.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension to build the Gunlock Filter Station generally located one mile south of the Gunlock Reservoir. Washington County Water Conservancy District / Doug Wilson, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission to install a proposed 100-foot lattice tower within the OST-20 zone, on BLM land adjacent to the Rocky Mountain Power Substation south of Dammeron Valley. Atlas Tower, LLC, Tower Owner, and WiBlue, Inc. / Nathan Foster, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission to install a proposed 100-foot lattice tower within the RA-1 zone, on 1 acre of land owned by Theresa Haury, in Veyo. Atlas Tower, LLC, Tower Owner and WiBlue, Inc. / Nathan Foster, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission to install an equipment building within the SFR-1 zone on Kolob Mountain near Whispering Pines entrance on Conservancy District property. Beehive Telephone Co., applicant.

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission to install a meter building, feeder line, and security chain-link fence within the C-2 zone south of the Texaco Station at the New Harmony interchange. Quester Gas Company, applicant.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Consent Agenda, with the Exception of the Following Applications for Property Tax Abatement, which are Disallowed: William and Ruth Bandle, S/N SG-5-3-9-1325; Heidi Draney, S/N H-COR-2-61; Nadine Owens, S/N SG-ROYL-1-46; and Cynthia Wright, S/N L-SRE-24. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT / WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Aaron Thompson, who works for Emergency Services under Director Pete Kuhlmann, reported four (4) Search and Rescue (SAR) operations during the previous month. The call-outs have shifted from hiking to vehicle incidents. On August 21 the SAR team was asked to assist Iron County with a drowning incident in Cedar City. On August 23 Mohave County asked the SAR team to assist in rescuing an individual whose vehicle had become stuck in the side of a cliff. On September 3 a person's vehicle was stranded in the Ox Valley area near Enterprise. Two (2) equestrian riders ventured into Pine Valley Mountain during a recent rainstorm, became lost, left their horses, and became ledged up while attempting to walk off the mountain. A total of thirty-one (31) Search and Rescue volunteers donated a total of one hundred and forty-nine (149) hours.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2011 BUDGET OPENING, CONSIDERATION OF RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (FUND 10 AND FUND 14)

Chairman Drake opened the Public Hearing and asked Washington County Clerk-Auditor Kim M. Hafen to discuss the 2011 Budget. Mr. Hafen explained that during recent conversations with a statewide committee on Assessing and Collecting it came to light that the 10 Fund (the County's General Fund) has inadvertently been supplementing the 14 Fund, which has its own tax base (is self-funding). The 14 Fund serves certain functions within the Assessor's Office and Treasurer's Office. External auditors have been consulted and have agreed that the re-allocation of assets between the two (2) funds is appropriate. This transfer will apply to the remainder of the 2011 Budget and continue into the future, starting with the 2012 Budget, which is being worked on. This re-allocation will not affect taxpayers in any way.

Having no one come forward, Chairman Drake closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Changes to Recorder and Allocations to Assessing and Collecting / Changes to 10 Fund and 14 Fund Revenues and Expenses, as More Specifically Delineated in the Attached Documentation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gardner reported that he visited Washington, D.C. last week as part of the PILT Fly-In, a group of local governmental representatives from western states to lobby Congress for continuation of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.

At this point, Chairman Drake introduced Stephen R. Platt, Iron County Engineer, to discuss the Escalante Valley Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Holt Canyon Flood Waters. Mr. Platt said that this MOU was developed in 2005 with Senator Dennis Stowell to address flooding issues. There are two (2) major drainages in this area: Shoal Creek and Holt Canyon. This MOU deals only with Holt Canyon. The idea is to place a diversion in Holt Canyon, basically dividing the water. As the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Iron County, and local representatives are all a part of this plan, Mr. Platt requests that the Commission consider joining in with the MOU presented today, which consists of agreeing to the NRCS preparing the conceptual design work for this project. At some point in the future, he would like to schedule a meeting on site and have all parties sign on to this agreement.

Chairman Drake agreed that the Commission would consider this request and respond to Iron County as quickly as possible.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Administrator Dean Cox said that final walk-through inspection of the Courthouse Plaza project will be held on Wednesday, September 21. The seal-coating with asphalt is scheduled, including additional tar to repair some cracks that have been discovered. The State of Utah will begin moving in on Friday, September 23rd.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CONSTABLES

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Strike this Agenda Item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

DENNIS DRAKE
CHAIRMAN